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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

ELECTRONIC FRONTIER FOUNDATION,

Plaintiff,

v.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT  
OF HOMELAND SECURITY,

Defendant.

Case No. 19-cv-7431-JSC

**STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT AND  
DISMISSAL WITH PREJUDICE; ~~PROPOSED~~  
ORDER**

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED by and between the undersigned Plaintiff Electronic Frontier  
Foundation (“Plaintiff” or “EFF”) and Defendant United States Department of Homeland Security

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1 (“Defendant” or “DHS”), by and through their respective attorneys, as follows:

2 1. Defendant shall pay \$14,500 (fourteen thousand five hundred dollars and no cents) to  
 3 Plaintiff in full and complete satisfaction of Plaintiff’s claims for attorneys’ fees, costs, and litigation  
 4 expenses under the Freedom of Information Act (“FOIA”), 5 U.S.C. § 552, as amended, in the  
 5 above-captioned matter. This payment shall constitute full and final satisfaction of any and all of  
 6 Plaintiff’s claims for attorneys’ fees, costs, and litigation expenses in the above-captioned matter,  
 7 and is inclusive of any interest. Payment of this money will be made by three separate electronic  
 8 funds transfers—\$12,180 from Immigration and Customs Enforcement, \$1,450 from Customs and  
 9 Border Protection, and \$870 from DHS Headquarters—promptly after notification of the Court’s  
 10 entry of this Stipulation and after receipt of necessary information from Plaintiff in order to  
 11 effectuate the payment. Defendant will make all reasonable efforts to make payment within thirty  
 12 (30) days of the date that Plaintiff’s counsel provides the necessary information for the electronic  
 13 funds transfer and this Stipulation is approved by the Court, whichever is later, but cannot guarantee  
 14 payment within that time frame.

15 2. Upon the execution of this Stipulation, Plaintiff and its successors or assigns, having  
 16 received the records it requested, hereby releases and forever discharges Defendant, its successors,  
 17 the United States of America, and any department, agency, or establishment of the United States,  
 18 and any officers, employees, agents, successors, or assigns of such department, agency, or  
 19 establishment, from any and all claims and causes of action that Plaintiff asserts or could have  
 20 asserted in this litigation, or which hereafter could be asserted by reason of, or with respect to, or in  
 21 connection with, or which arise out of, the specific FOIA requests on which this action is based,  
 22 including but not limited to all past, present, or future claims for attorneys’ fees, costs, or litigation  
 23 expenses in connection with the above-captioned litigation.

24 3. The provisions of California Civil Code Section 1542 are set forth below:

25 “A general release does not extend to claims that the creditor or releasing party does not  
 26 know or suspect to exist in his or her favor at the time of executing the release and that, if  
 27 known by him or her, would have materially affected his or her settlement with the debtor or  
 28 released party.”

1 Plaintiff, having been apprised of the statutory language of Civil Code Section 1542 by Plaintiff's  
2 attorney, and fully understanding the same, nevertheless elects to waive the benefits of any and all  
3 rights Plaintiff may have pursuant to the provision of that statute and any similar provision of federal  
4 law. Plaintiff understands that, if the facts concerning any injuries, liability for damages pertaining  
5 thereto, or liability for attorneys' fees, costs or litigation expenses are found hereafter to be other  
6 than or different than the facts now believed by it to be true, this Stipulation shall be and remain  
7 effective notwithstanding such material difference.

8 4. Execution of this Stipulation and its approval by the Court shall constitute dismissal  
9 of this case with prejudice pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41(a).

10 5. The parties acknowledge that this Stipulation is entered into solely for the purpose of  
11 settling and compromising any remaining claims in this action without further litigation, and it shall  
12 not be construed as evidence or as an admission on the part of Defendant, the United States, or its  
13 agents, servants, or employees regarding any issue of law or fact, or regarding the truth or validity of  
14 any allegation or claim raised in this action, or as evidence or as an admission by the Defendant  
15 regarding Plaintiff's entitlement to attorneys' fees, costs, or other litigation expenses under FOIA.  
16 This Stipulation shall not be used in any manner to establish liability for fees or costs in any other  
17 case or proceeding involving Defendant.

18 6. This Stipulation is binding upon and inures to the benefit of the parties hereto and  
19 their respective successors and assigns.

20 7. If any provision of this Stipulation shall be held invalid, illegal, or unenforceable, the  
21 validity, legality, and enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not in any way be affected or  
22 impaired thereby.

23 8. This Stipulation shall constitute the entire agreement between the parties, and it is  
24 expressly understood and agreed that this Stipulation has been freely and voluntarily entered into by  
25 the parties hereto. The parties further acknowledge that no warranties or representations have been  
26 made on any subject other than as set forth in this Stipulation.

27 9. The persons signing this Stipulation warrant and represent that they possess full  
28 authority to bind the persons on whose behalf they are signing to the terms of the Stipulation.

1           10.     This Stipulation may not be altered, modified, or otherwise changed in any respect  
2 except in writing, duly executed by all of the parties or their authorized representatives.

3           11.     It is contemplated that this Stipulation may be executed in several counterparts, with a  
4 separate signature page for each party. All such counterparts and signature pages, together, shall be  
5 deemed to be one document.

6           12.     In compliance with Civil Local Rule 5-1(h)(3), the filer of this Stipulation attests  
7 under penalty of perjury that each signatory has concurred in the filing of this document.

8 IT IS SO STIPULATED.

9 DATED: January 5, 2023

ELECTRONIC FRONTIER FOUNDATION

/s/ Jennifer Lynch

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13 DATED: January 5, 2023

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Attorneys for Defendant

19 PURSUANT TO STIPULATION, IT IS SO ORDERED.

20 Dated: January 6, 2023

Jacqueline Scott Corley  
JACQUELINE SCOTT CORLEY  
United States District Judge